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To the people of New York City:

Today, senior members of our administration gathered at City Hall to reflect on our tenure in office, dedicate this time capsule, and bury it nearby. This capsule will be unearthed and opened again in 10 years where it will provide New Yorkers with a snapshot of what took place under the four years of the Adams administration.

We took decisive action to quell crime, reopen our city after COVID-19, and rebuild our economy; we moved with clarity and conviction to tackle our housing crisis, bring down the cost of living for working-class New Yorkers, and transform our approach to homelessness and severe mental illness; and we worked with energy and ambition to pull our city out of the past and push it eagerly towards the future.

While no set of objects can perfectly capture four years of tireless work hundreds by hundreds of thousands of public servants — the days that began well before dawn and stretched far into the night, the emergency meetings and impossible conversations, the moments of crisis, success, and failure — it is nonetheless our hope that this capsule will serve, in small measure, as a testament to our work.

Inside this capsule, New Yorkers will find the following items:

- **A miniature key** — placed here by the deputy mayor for housing, economic development, and workforce team — to memorialize their historic “City of Yes for Housing Opportunity” initiative and all they did to create, preserve, and plan over 433,000 homes.
- **A miniature trash container** — placed here by the deputy mayor for operations team — to memorialize their historic efforts moving trash bags off the streets and into container bins and bringing rat sightings down.
- **An identification card from The Roosevelt Hotel** — placed here by the deputy mayor for administration and chief of staff team — to memorialize their work to shelter, feed, clothe, educate, vaccinate, and support over 245,000 migrants from over 160 countries who arrived in New York City in a matter of years seeking support.
- **A onesie and baby hat** — placed here by the deputy mayor for health and human services team — to memorialize their work on maternal health, homelessness, and all they did to ensure no child is born in a shelter.
- **A graduation tassel** — placed here by the deputy mayor for strategic initiatives team — to memorialize the launch of their ambitious universal after-school program, record investments and enrollment in early childhood education programs, and efforts to support young people across the city.

- **A padlock** — placed here by the deputy mayor for intergovernmental affairs team — to memorialize their successful work securing new powers for the city from the state Legislature to close down over 1,600 illegal smoke shops.
- **A piece of a drone** — placed here by the deputy mayor for public safety team — to memorialize their work using new technology and innovation to keep New Yorkers safe.
- **A prism** — placed here by the deputy mayor for communications team — to symbolize how, like light shining through a prism, their work reflected and refracted across the city through different mediums to reach different communities, including via text message, newsletter, a podcast, a radio program, new social media platforms, ethnic and community media outlets, and more.
- **A miniature Staten Island ferry** — placed here by the chief counsel team — to memorialize their work closing union contracts with 99 percent of city workers, including the Staten Island Ferry officers who had gone without a new contract for 13 years.
- **An e-bike speedometer** — placed here by the first deputy mayor team — to memorialize their work navigating this new form of transit and bringing a sense of order to city streets.
- And finally, **a vinyl record** — placed here by me — to memorialize our work breaking multiple records over the course of four impactful years.

Our administration drove shootings to record lows and brought jobs and small businesses to record highs. We enrolled a record number of young New Yorkers in early education, made record investments to end street homelessness, and created record amounts of housing. On issue after issue, we broke record after record to deliver a safer, more affordable city where working-class New Yorkers can live and raise a family.

When the dust has settled, the decade has passed, and this time capsule is reopened, I am confident that our work will still be reverberating throughout the city and that our record shall stand the test of time.

Sincerely,



Eric Adams
110th Mayor, New York City